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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows. Insertions are shown underlined while deletions are struck through. Please cancel Claims 1 and 3 without prejudice.

1 (canceled):

2 (currently amended): A motor vehicle luggage net according to ~~claim 1~~claim 5, further comprising: end cords that are composed of elastic cords that are attached to the two ends of each of said fixed hems, the ends of said end cords being provided with connectors that can connect to connectors of said motor vehicle.

3 (canceled):

4 (currently amended): A motor vehicle luggage net according to ~~claim 3~~claim 5, wherein said middle cord is composed of elastic cord.

5 (currently amended): A motor vehicle luggage net ~~according to claim 3, for holding luggage in the luggage compartment of a motor vehicle, comprising:~~

a main construction that is substantially quadrilateral and has upper, lower, right, and left side edges, that is composed of nonelastic cords, and that is formed as a mesh;
fixed hems that fixedly hem the upper and lower side edges of said main construction;

nonelastic edge cords that movably pass through each of meshes that are aligned along each of the right and left side edges of said main construction that are not provided with said fixed hems, the upper and lower ends of each edge cord being secured to said fixed hems;

edge cord length adjustment devices attached to said edge cords, respectively, for retaining a portion of each edge cord, said edge cord length adjustment devices being capable of adjusting the length between the upper and lower ends of said respective edge cords, independently of each other, through variation of the amount of each edge cord that is retained; and

a middle cord that is provided at a position between said two fixed hems and that passes through each of the meshes that are located along a line parallel to said fixed hems, the two ends of said middle cord being provided with connectors that can connect to connectors of said motor vehicle, wherein a plurality of said connectors of said middle

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cord are provided along the longitudinal direction of said middle cord at each end of said middle cord.

6 (currently amended): A motor vehicle luggage net attachment method for attaching a motor vehicle luggage net for holding luggage in the storage compartment of a motor vehicle, said method comprising the steps of:

(i) providing a single said motor vehicle luggage net comprising:

a main construction that is substantially quadrilateral and has upper, lower, right, and left side edges, that is composed of nonelastic cords, and that is formed as a mesh;

fixed hems that fixedly hem the upper and lower side edges of said main construction;

nonelastic edge cords that movably pass through each of meshes that are aligned along each of the right and left side edges of said main construction that are not provided with said fixed hems, the upper and lower ends of each edge cord being secured to said fixed hems;

edge cord length adjustment devices attached to said edge cords, respectively, for retaining a portion of each edge cord, said edge cord length adjustment devices being capable of adjusting the length between the upper and lower of said respective edge cords, independently of each other, through variation of the amount of each edge cord that is retained;

end cords that are composed of elastic cords and that are attached to the two ends of each of said fixed hems, the ends of said end cords being provided with connectors that can connect to connectors of said motor vehicle; and

a middle cord that is provided at a position between said two fixed hems and that passes through each of meshes that are located along a line parallel to said fixed hems, the two ends of said middle cord being provided with connectors that can connect to connectors of said motor vehicle; and

(ii) positioning interchangeably wherein a the single said motor vehicle luggage net is interchangeably positioned in one of the following states:

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a first attached state in which said motor vehicle luggage net is attached extended along the floor of said motor vehicle with each of said end cords connected to a respective connector of said motor vehicle;

a second attached state in which said motor vehicle luggage net is folded in half along the position of said middle cord and attached vertically upright with said end cords connected to connectors in the side walls of said motor vehicle and said connectors at the two ends of said middle cord connected to connectors that are provided at positions in the vicinity of the floor of said motor vehicle at positions that are perpendicularly below the connectors to which said end cords are connected; and

a third attached state in which said motor vehicle luggage net is folded in half along the position of said middle cord and attached upright with a forward inclination with said end cords connected to connectors in the side walls of said motor vehicle and said connectors at the two ends of said middle cord connected to connectors that are provided at positions in the vicinity of the floor of said motor vehicle that are toward the rear of said motor vehicle from positions that are perpendicularly below the connectors to which said end cords are connected.

7 (original): An attachment method according to claim 6, wherein:

a plurality of said connectors of said middle cord are provided along the longitudinal direction at each end of said middle cord; and

the distance between the connectors of said motor vehicle to which said end cords are connected and the connectors of said motor vehicle to which said middle cord is connected is different for said second attached state and said third attached state.